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FEATURE STORY

Volunteers Make Impact on Hartland

By Hal Mayer

“You can gain the blessing of the spiritual environment, interaction with enthusiastic youth, and the satisfaction of being a part of a very important ministry for God.”



Morey & Faith Lyons are long-term retired volunteers

You said you needed a plumber and I know how to do plumbing,” said Martin, as he volunteered to spend some weeks at Hartland helping with construction of our new dorm. In the end Martin volunteered for a long time (three months) and helped with plumbing, drywall and other aspects of construction.

Martin represents the kind of spirit that God needs at Hartland. Many volunteers come for short, or long periods of time and help with special projects, like Martin, or help our general operations.

For example, Cec and Marylin, a carpenter and his wife spent six weeks volunteering to remodel the college offices in 1996. “We were enthralled with the beauty, serenity and especially the rever-

ence..... Talk about heaven! Truly Hartland is a little piece of heaven on earth..... We were well pleased with this special educational center for our young people to get the training to help Jesus spread the three angels messages”..... Praise be to God.

More recently, Jim, another carpenter, framed the new library extension, and another couple, Leon and Karolyn Ealy, spent several weeks furnishing it with shelves. Other volunteers have come to help construct the new dorms. One in fact, laid block, one helped with framing. Another did most of the painting.

But construction isn't the only type of volunteers we need. Other volunteers help with editing projects from their own homes. Some help for short periods in the food service department, in the garden, Hartland Publications, and teaching in the college. Even doctors and therapists, have been volunteering in the Hartland Wellness Center regularly.

Another type are the permanent retired volunteers. Faith and Morey Lyons came 3 years ago to live and volunteer at Hartland. Many of you know Faith through her notes on your donation receipts. She is a great help in Stewardship Ministries. Morey may not be as well known, but he is a huge bless-

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ing. He has been in charge of Plant Services and now does special projects in that department. "I want to do all I can to help the Lord's work, and train these great young people to win souls," Faith says. Faith and Morey are enthusiastic about volunteering. They have made a valuable contribution. They get to help out with many interesting projects, but more importantly, they can, and have, influenced the lives of young people.

You can volunteer too. Think of the opportunity to be a blessing to the work of training young people for God's work! Plus, while making a contribution to the ministry of Hartland, you can gain the blessing of the spiritual environment, interaction with enthusiastic



Daphne Corey Still volunteers as a typist for Dr. Standish even though she is over 80!

know what you can do. You don't even need to have a lot of skills. We have plenty to do, and you get the benefits and joy of helping young people, and of doing something worthwhile. We'll see that you have room and board. Please e-mail us at stewardship@hartland.edu, or call us at 540-672-3100, ext 285. You won't regret it.

Hal Mayer
is Director of Stewardship Ministries

youth, and the satisfaction of being a part of a very important ministry for God.

Contact us if you would like to help. You may only have a few days or a few weeks to volunteer. That's OK. You may be able to volunteer for an extended period of time. Talk to us about it. Let us

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Volunteers are needed and appreciated at Hartland. The following positions are available for volunteers. If you are interested in the blessings of volunteering for a worthwhile cause, and enjoying the spiritual life on campus, Let us know of your interest.

- Grant Writer
- Construction (all skills areas)
- Food Service
- Housekeeping
- Maintenance
- Horticulture
- Grounds
- Secretarial
- Receptionist
- Librarian
- Office Skills
- Sales
- Graphic Design

Call us at 540-672-3100 ext. 285, or write us (Attn: Stewardship Ministries), or email us at Hartland@hartland.edu.



NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

The 7 Day War

The Story of Lydia Agayong

The radical Muslims in the town had planned an uprising, hoping to make Plateau State a Muslim state and force Sharia law upon all the citizens.

Terror gripped Lydia Agayong as she walked out of the pharmacy on Friday, September 7. Lydia had purchased some supplies for the small bush clinic in Mai Farin Moto Dong, a remote village near Jos, Nigeria. Unknown to her or any of the other Christians in Jos, the radical Muslims in the town had planned an uprising, hoping to make Plateau State a Muslim state and force Sharia law upon

Christians came to her rescue. It was at that point that the Muslims began using the guns they had secretly stockpiled for the occasion.

As Lydia left the pharmacy she saw people being killed before her eyes and thought that surely her life would end that day. Masses of people were running here and there and there was the added danger of being trampled to death if she tripped and fell. She dropped everything that she had purchased and began running. On every street there was fighting and she finally decided to attempt to get to the nearest SDA church. As she ran she saw a taxi driver beckoning her to enter his taxi. In her confusion she feared that it was a trap, but the driver, through hand signals, pled with her to get into his car. He had difficulty finding a route out of the war zone, but ultimately dropped her at the road leading to Dong Village. Not one word had been spoken by either Lydia or the driver during the ride and no fare was collected.

Again Lydia began to run in the direction of the village, and again a taxi driver, this time a Muslim, indicated that she should get into his car. The



Lydia Agayong of Nigeria accompanied by Frances Lundberg

all the citizens.

When the Muslims gave their call to prayer at 2 p.m. on that fateful Friday, no one gave it a second thought, especially with Friday being their day of worship. When they claimed that a Nigerian woman walked through their prayer area and began to beat the woman, the

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taxi driver dropped Lydia at exactly the spot where she could get a motorcycle directly to Dong village, and safety. Again, she and the driver had not spoken a word to each other and the driver collected no fare. Angels? Very likely! "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and

delivereth them." Psalm 34:7

Donations to Hartland World Mission have helped Lydia establish the clinic in Dong Village. Thank you for your continued support of the worldwide work of Hartland World Mission.

By Frances Lundberg,
Director of Hartland World Mission

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Wellness Center Matures Lifestyle Program

As Hartland Wellness Center has explored more assertive ways to use natural medicine, the Lord has truly blessed with an excellent bevy of physicians and tremendous results over this past year. Hartland Wellness Center's approach is centered on the "Eight Laws of Health," and is now seeking to optimize its effect on our guests.

Therapies: Our therapy Department is changing with the addition of three new staff (Tony & Nora Ricono and Guido Erne), we have greatly strengthened our hydrotherapy program. Hydro/massage therapy has increased from three times a week, to a minimum of five times (and more if needed), thus both greatly improving results and increasing health guest satisfaction.

Exercise: In order to maximize the benefits of exercise and to establish the correct individualized program during the health session and afterwards, Tony Ricono has added new exercise and monitoring



Tony and Nora Ricono are new staff at the Hartland Wellness Center

equipment. A proper exercise program greatly increases the chances of reversing heart disease, diabetes and a host of other diseases. Guests now have more effective ways of monitoring their progress, as well as excellent exercise counseling.

Water: American people are very dehydrated. So, Hartland Wellness Center has also increased its attention on water drinking. In order to both assure proper hydration during treatment, and to develop new lifestyle habits, our staff encourage an aggressive water



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drinking awareness program. Too often the only water that our guests consume when they arrive at Hartland is in their coffee or soft drinks. Can you imagine only washing the outside of your body with Dr. Pepper or Coffee? Our staff work very hard to help our guests greatly increase their water intake.

Nutrition: Due to the effects of the improper "American Diet," we have increased our use of

herbs, fresh juices, raw fruits and vegetables and cleansing. As we continue to monitor and fine-tune these under medical

supervision, we are seeing tremendous results in both lab results (which are checked regularly throughout the program) and in how our guests feel. The more we

study, the more we find that the "Standard American Diet" is truly the SAD diet.

Health Food Store: With our new in-house health food store, we can train our guests how to purchase food at home. Our staff show them what their new groceries will look like and teach them how to understand labels. With over 200 items, we can now also ship needed health food supplies that they (or anyone) are unable to acquire at home. For a copy of the Hartland Wellness Center's price list, call 800.763.9355, or email us at Wellness@hartland.edu.

Stress & Spiritual Needs: The body is so connected to the brain that at least 90% of all illnesses originate in the mind. Keep us in your prayers as we seek ways to strengthen methods by which we can help our guests in these two important areas.

Walt Cross is the Director of Hartland Wellness Center



Hands-on Nutrition Class at an 18 day Wellness session

"Spring Break"

It's back by popular demand! Hartland Wellness Center's "Spring Break" is back for academy age students. We are hosting our second annual "Spring Break", Friday thru Friday, March 1-8

The course of study includes lectures and labs on the following subjects:

- ✓ Eight Laws of Health
- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Cooking Schools
- ✓ Patient Assessment
- ✓ Hydro Therapy
- ✓ Massage Therapy

Instead of a week at the beach, academy age students will have a great location to spend safe, quality time with students of their own age. Closely supervised, the students will have the opportunity to gain the knowledge in Medical Missionary Work.

Come join Hartland Wellness Center for the second annual "Spring Break" for academy age students, March 1 -- 8, 2002. If you know of a special student in your church or school, a family member, or are interested yourself, call us at 800.763.9355 or send us an email at Wellness@Hartland.edu.



GENERAL CONFERENCE'S THREATENING ARTICLE

Many have asked us the status of the not-too-thinly veiled threat of the General Conference against Hope International, Hartland Institute and Remnant Ministries, published in an article in the August 2000 Adventist Review. The Review article complained that these ministries do not follow "church authority" in conducting their ministries and appeared to threaten action against them if by the end of one year (presumably August 2001), the General Conference decided that they were still out of harmony with their authority. More than one year has transpired since the article was published, but there has been no official communication with us about any official or unofficial action.

The article was published after a series of meetings between representatives of the three ministries and an "ad hoc" committee of the General Conference stating that the three ministries have attempted to create a church within a church, because they hold camp meetings, publish competing periodicals, use their own baptismal vows, and accept tithe, etc. The three ministries earnestly objected to the characterization,

citing Bible, Spirit of Prophecy and historical evidence in support of their work in upholding the truth.

The three ministries have a deep love for the SDA Church and were greatly saddened by this action. However, they have a sincere love for souls and believe that God has given them an important work to do. Hartland's work in training young people as well as the other vital ministries, are greatly appreciated by many who can find few truth-centered alternative sources for these ministries. It is hoped that all leaders will exercise restraint in the future.

From what we can tell in private dialog with insiders at the General Conference as well as other sources, there is not likely to be any open and threatening action taken by the General Conference against these ministries. It may be that it is perceived as unwise. However, there may well be "behind the scenes" efforts to discredit and block their work. This would not be inconsistent with the history of self-supporting work in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and at other periods in history, such as in the time of Christ.

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HISTORY

A Lesson from the Pages of History

Lord Cobham Tried and Burned for Heresy

He would stand near the Lollard preachers with sword in hand to defend them against violence and insults from the friars.

Sir John Oldcastle — Lord Cobham, was a champion of the Lollards, the colporteurs sent out by John Wycliffe. The times were dangerous for these early Protestants. Lord Cobham was born of a noble family and became a distinguished soldier and courtier in the time of Henry IV. His support for the Lollards was no secret. He had read the scriptures and was converted to the true principles of salvation as taught by Wycliffe. He would see to it that

copies of Wycliffe's writings were spread to other countries. He would stand near the Lollard preachers with sword in hand to defend them against violence and insults from the friars.

or decrees of the Pope (the head of the church) who is ".....the key bearer and porter of eternal life and death, bearing place and person, not of a mere man, but of true God here in earth." Apparently, he had forgotten that at the time there were actually 3 popes vying for dominance, cursing and anathamizing each other, and using sword and soldiers to support their claim to the throne. Which one was "true God here in earth?"

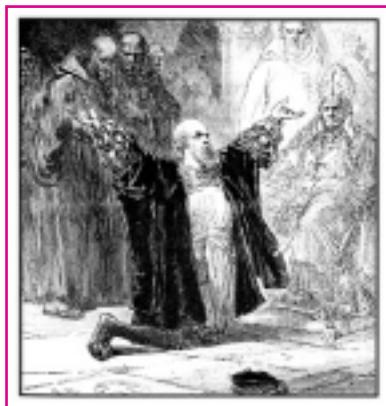
At his trial Lord Cobham defended the right to worship God according to the Bible. On one occasion he said; "Good people, lo, for breaking God's commandments these men never yet cursed me; but for their own laws and traditions most cruelly do." In 1417 he was hanged in chains and burned.

As for misrepresentations there were plenty, especially from church leaders; "Sir John Oldcastle..... papists charging him with treason against King Henry V and of heading an army of more than ten thousand men, though it wanted nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety nine thereof..." (Thomas Fuller, in his Worthies).

May there be more good men with characters like Lord Cobham.

By Hal Mayer,

History Professor at Hartland College & Director of Stewardship Ministries.



Lord Cobham was a champion of Wycliffe's colporteurs.

Eventually in 1413 Catholic Archbishop Arundel called a synod of ecclesiastics in order to suppress the Lollards gospel preaching, and stop the "heretic" Lord Cobham. In 1409 this archbishop had defended the pope by saying that it was a horrid crime to dispute any of the doctrines



A Party with a Purpose

Isn't there more to do?" asked the staff and students who gathered for a special New Year's Eve party. In just two hours, 21,000 magazines had been prepared to blitz New York City with the Last Generation special issue, "Beginning of Sorrows," featuring the September 11 terrorist attacks. Joe, a New York City resident, and a resilient and active literature missionary has agreed to organize and distribute 21,000 magazines, and thousands of companion brochures. This is an amazing project that will plant untold numbers of seeds of truth in the hearts of the people of New York City.

Back to New Year's Eve. On December 31, Last Generation Ministries threw a New Years Eve Party with an enthusiastic turnout of 54 people! Needing to find a creative way to label the 21,000 Last Generation magazines, we invited the surrounding churches and our skeleton staff and students to a "sticker party," with light refreshments. Because we were very explicit that this was really a work bee, we weren't expecting much of a turnout, maybe 25-30 at the most. At that rate, it would have taken us twice as long to get all the labeling done. But we put some lively U.S. Marine Band march music on and in less then two hours we were finished.

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asked many participants who had really enjoyed helping prepare for this special effort in New York. Unfortunately, there wasn't! The magazines are being distributed in New York City near ground zero where many people still come to contemplate the tragedy and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the attack. The stickers were affixed to the back of the magazine and direct people to a local contact in New York City for more information. Adventists who are experienced in street literature distribution will be distributing the maga-

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Local church members and Hartland staff labeled and stuffed over 20,000 magazines into boxes for NYC distribution on New Year's Eve.

zines over the next several weeks. We're already brainstorming about which project to feature for New Year's Eve party in 2002! By the way, have YOU considered having a Valentine Party to label Last Generation with a local sticker for your area?

Here's a good plan for you. Order enough cases of the Last

LAST GENERATION

Generation magazine to handle door to door distribution in your city or town. Then tell us the local contact details, and we'll send you the labels with your magazines so that you can have a Sabbath evening label party, or a valentine's party. But whatever you do, let's get the literature out there! This is a great family project, or a wonderful way to get a church group doing something for the Lord. The magazines aren't that expensive, and your missionary dollars will be spent in a most efficient and meaningful way. Every Seventh-day

Adventist should be a literature missionary. Contact us at 540-672-3100, or email us at jkannenberg@lastgen.net

By Betsy Mayer,
Editor of Last Generation
Magazine



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Video Offer!

Many heard a shocking and awakening message delivered by Pastor Maurice Berry at Hartland's Fall Convocation 2001. This message was a short synopsis of the events that took place on September 11, 2001 and their role in the grand scheme of the Great Controversy. **Hartland Media Center** has produced a much more comprehensive 3 hour and 40 minute videotape by Pastor Berry entitled:

"Foreshadowing the Coming Crisis"

In this video Pastor Berry outlines how the events transpiring over the past decades have set the stage for the twin towers tragedy to be a catalyst for bringing in the New World Order. To order your copy of this important video, please contact **Hartland Publications** at **1-800-774-3566**. After watching this video you will never view a newspaper or a television news program the same again! The cost is \$19.99 per tape (plus .90 sales tax for Virginia residents), plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

☐ Remember to attend Hartland Winter Convocation on January 25-27, 2002. Our Featured speaker will be Pastor Eric Betts of Las Vegas NV, "Present Truth Ministries" The convocation theme will be "A Shelter in the Time of Storm."



Whole Company Closes on the Sabbath

“Why hasn't anyone told us this before?”

The Last Generation Magazine project in India has begun to see its first fruits. In our last edition, we told you about the Fernandez family who has begun to respond to the truth through the Last Generation Magazine. Brother and sister Tharasingh, our project coordinators have gone to visit them and are thrilled to report some very new and startling facts.

Family Fernandez, formerly Roman Catholic, have accepted the Sabbath and some of the other Seventh-day Adventist doctrines. They are eager to learn. Eugene Fernandez was concerned about his Sabbath work, but amazingly, when he shared with his supervisors his convictions, they responded positively and gave him the Sabbath off! But even more astonishingly, since he is in a most important position in the company, the whole company decided to close on Sabbath! What can the influence of one person do in a secular and busy company? Only God in His infinite timing and wisdom can know this.

Moreover, their 10 year old son is just full of questions about how to live for Jesus. He wants to follow him all the way and

has decided to give up flesh foods, Junk foods, TV and his beloved cartoons, all to be a Christian! He is just loaded with questions. Not only that, he is planning to leave his 5th grade Roman Catholic classroom and go and study with the Tharasingh family if it can be worked out. He is anxious to learn more about the Bible and our Savior. His 10 year old courage will no doubt help strengthen his parents and the other members of his family. “Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou has perfected praise” Matt. 21:16. “...So in these last days children’s voices will be raised to give the last message to a perishing world.” CT p.176.

All of the other members of the Fernandez extended family have recognized the futility of the Roman Catholic faith, and our listening very carefully to the truth and making steps in the right direction. Anita Tharasingh says “It is as if they are saying; ‘Why hasn’t anyone told us these things before?’”

Please pray for the work of the Last Generation Magazine in India. Many people are hungering and thirsting for the truth there.

By Hal Mayer,
Director of Stewardship Ministries.

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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

The Secret to Solving a Big Tax Dilemma

Bill and Jean had a dilemma. When Faith Lyons called them Jean expressed her concern that she and Bill had dedicated a piece of property to the Lord, and needed to sell it. Her dilemma was that it was being taxed every year and no one was getting any benefit from it. Another concern was how to sell the property so that there wouldn't be so much capital gains taxes to pay. As they talked, Faith suggested that they donate the land to Hartland and let us sell it and use the proceeds in the Lord's work. Bill and Jean were excited about

Bill and Jean have done what many people have discovered is a great way to maximize the value of their property that they have dedicated to the Lord.

selling it and then donating the tax-reduced proceeds in cash. Taxes can often take a large part of an appreciated asset which means that the Lord's work would have less. The way to maximize the value of an appreciated asset is by donating either real or tangible property itself to God's work. God's work is able to use the full value of the property, untaxed, while the donor can take a tax deduction for the full value of the asset. The donor recovers at least some of the "profit" he would have made on the sale of the property through the tax deduction. Of course you should consult your accountant or attorney for a professional evaluation of such a gift. But it is a great idea for those in a similar situation to Bill and Jean.

This can be done with any appreciated asset, whether stocks, bonds, life insurance, antiques (including automobiles), or other tangible property. Best of all, you don't have the headache of selling it. The property doesn't even have to be in Virginia or on the East coast. It can be anywhere. It is an easy, stress free, fuss free method of disposing of unneeded property, while at the same time providing a substantial and lasting contribution to the cause of God.

This is one of the reasons why Hartland has started its
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Billy and Jean Homer donated land to help God's cause.

this and transferred their property in January 2002.

Bill and Jean have done what many people have discovered is a great way to maximize the value of their property that they have dedicated to the Lord. They are donating the asset itself rather than



College Opens New Term

On January 2, 2002, students registered for the winter term at Hartland College. It was full of activity and passed very quickly. This term we have 66 students and among them we have 8 new students. Joining us are two new students from Hawaii, and possibly another one from the same state will come soon. For the first time in many years, we have a student from Japan and a new student from Macedonia.

Classes began on the 3rd of January at 7:00am with *Revelation I* taught by Mr. Baek. This class is sure to brighten the students' days as they examine

prophecies pertaining to these perilous times.

We welcome new message instructors Tony and Nora Ricono. We are glad they have come to share their talents. Please continue to pray for the Hartland College staff and students as we begin this new term.

Our new students include:

Keiki Estrella	Hawaii
Isaura Garcia	Colombia
Rita Kirimaua	Hawaii
Yoshia Kinjo	Japan
German Morera	Colombia
Mile Pavlovik	Macedonia
Alina Pop	Romania
Sonia Velez	Puerto Rico

Why I Chose Hartland

Hartland, I thought they would be fanatics - I was wrong. They turned out to be the most loving and godly people I had ever met. They had high standards but weren't forceful about it, or look down on others for not having the same standards. I fell in love with the classes offered for the Bible Instructor. It is a school after the Bible, and the student's lives testify to the fact. I love the opportunity to be surrounded by Christian friends - we encourage each other in our Christian growth, and pray together. The campus being in the country is a large blessing too. I love the choir and see many hearts softened by music and opened to the truth. Don't get me wrong, it's not a bed of roses. We encounter trials and difficul-

ties. But we grow through them all. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else for my training."

"At first, not knowing much about



Melissa Collett

"Christ-centered education classes"

Christy Allen

"To get a clear vision about my calling"

Alina Pop

"I enjoy the development of character and skill through manual labor."

Panankosi Mbunjwa

"Present Truth!"

Rita Kirimaua

"Seriousness of this school and teacher's willingness to help."

Nicolas LeClerc

"Real Christian friends!"

Midori Reichard



STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

There are many people who want to know the best way to handle assets on which they continually pay taxes or other expenses, and would like to be rid of the burden.

Stewardship Ministries Division. There are many people who want to know the best way to handle assets on which they continually pay taxes or other expenses, and would like to be rid of the burden. But the prospect of selling is either inconvenient or even overwhelming. Hartland is prepared to provide non-legal counseling concerning ideas on how you can dispose of real or tangible property that you want to maximize in the Lord's work.

If you would like to help the cause of God with this kind of property, consider donating it to Hartland. That way, you will be

supporting a most worthy work in training youth to be missionaries, and at the same time saving yourself the responsibility and headache of selling it. Also with your tax burden lifted you may use the tax savings to enhance your position to be an ever greater help to the cause of God, and/or your family. Contact Faith Lyons, at 540-672-3100, ext 305, for information and some thoughtful ideas.

By Hal Mayer,
Director of
Stewardship
Ministries



STAFF OPENINGS AT HARTLAND ●●●●●●●●●●

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accountant/ Bookkeeper | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutritionist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Services Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician, Female |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Department Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician, Male |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Services Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Services Supervisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications General Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Designer | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion Department Chairman |

If you are interested in, or if you know someone suitable for, any of these positions, please contact Helen Radcliffe at 540-672-3100 ext. 231

Youth Camp Planned This Summer!

A youth camp will be held on the Hartland Institute Campus from June 16--23 for young people ages 12--17. It will be an exciting opportunity to learn new skills, meet other young people who love God, want to serve Him, and most importantly, grow spiritually.

If you are interested in receiving more information, please write to: Youth Camp Info, P.O. Box 1, Rapidan, VA 22733, or call (540) 672-3100 ext. 346. We look forward to hearing from you!



Even At The Door

November 1951 I graduated from the Theological Normal Course (The Christian Education Course) at Avondale College. As a mere lad of eighteen, I was launched into the Lord's service. Well I recall the hopes and the fears that I had as I said goodbye to my father and boarded the train for my long journey to the far north coast of New South Wales, Australia to take up my first teaching appointment. I had a classroom of fourteen children. So remote was the school that there was no electricity or telephone. But there was a group of SDA banana growers who had accepted the Lord's instruction to take their families to the country, whose children I was to teach.

I started teaching in the pre-television age of Australia. Indeed, it would be more than four years before TV came and cast its hypnotic spell across Australia. Computers were not even considered in the minds of ordinary people. Air transportation was still largely limited to the rich and famous. It was to be another five years before I would own a car (the first car owned by any member of my family).

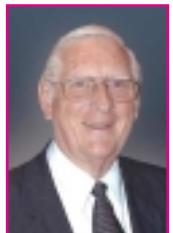
What a difference half a century makes. As I reflect I weep when I contemplate how irresponsible I have been in answering the call of my Savior. Sadly, that is true of most of my generation. We have failed the Lord. We have not turned to the Lord with our whole hearts fervently. We have not crucified self. We have not allowed Christ to wrench the world from our lives. And now we are seeing the beginning of the carnage that will transpire on this planet just prior to the coming of our Lord.

Dear brethren and sisters, I have committed myself to a deepening and fuller experience with my Lord. Nothing matters now other than our own salvation, that of our families and of the men and women on this planet. This must be the all consuming focus of our lives. I pray that you will join me in unwavering loyalty to Jesus and respond to the fullness of the call that He has placed upon our lives and service. May we not with even one word or action dishonor Him or lead people to turn from Jesus because we fail to represent His character.

I was told when I was young that time was short. But now I know that it is short! Christ is surely even at the door. There is only one event that is retarding the return of Jesus. We have not surrendered our lives fully to Him. "When the character of Christ is perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own." (COL 69) May this year be the year that we are ready to meet Jesus and may we have wonderful fruitage to present to Him. May God bless you all in 2002.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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■ March 9, 2002: Live Oak, FL, Colin Standish, 904-364-3210

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■ May 11, 2002: Hartford Village Church, OH, Colin Standish, 614-209-1439

■ June 27-July 3, 2002: Brazil, SA — Camp Meetings, Hal Mayer & others, 540 672-3100, ext. 232

■ July 30-Aug 4, 2002: Hartland Old-Fashioned Campmeeting, Steve Wohlberg, Author of *The Left Behind Deception*; Thomas Jackson of Ministries TN & others, 540-672-3100, ext 232

■ August 9-17, 2002: Great Britain Campmeeting, 540-672-3100, ext 232

■ August 8-17, 2002: Czech Republic, 540-672-3100, ext 232

■ August 23-31, 2002: Germany, 540-672-3100, ext. 232

■ September 2-7, 2002: Waldensian Study Tour in Italy. For information call Jan Caster, 540-672-3100, ext 285, or email her at jcaster@hartland.edu

■ October 4-6, 2002: Fall Convocation with speaker Dr. Neil Nedley.